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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of hosts, great and marvelous are Your works. We thank You for the lives of great people that challenge us to live more sacrificially.

Today, we give a special thanks for the lives of two of our heroes, Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut, Capitol Policemen who gave their lives for freedom.

Lord, You said that a willingness to sacrifice one's life demonstrates the greatest love. Teach us how to give our lives in the living days. Use us to bring hope to those who fear tomorrow more than death.

Give our Senators wisdom so that they will truly be guardians of liberty. May they fulfill their calling in this generation to save lives by losing themselves in loving concern for others near and far.

We pray this in Your strong name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period for the transaction of morning business for 30 minutes. Following that time, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2555, the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill. We disposed of a number of amendments during yesterday's session, and I understand there are a few issues remaining. I reiterate that I hope we can expedite consideration of these amendments and proceed to final passage of this bill at an early hour today. We would then like to proceed to two additional appropriations bills this week.

In addition, we have the Chile and Singapore free trade agreements that we would like to consider this week if possible. Those bills are considered under fast-track procedures and have limited debate. I hope we will not use the time allotted under the statute and we can complete those two bills prior to finishing our business this week.

We will be devoting the entirety of next week to the pending Energy bill. We will have a full week's consideration, with debate and votes throughout the week. I have had the opportunity to talk with the managers of that bill, and they have been working very hard to have this bill addressed on the floor in an orderly, systematic way so that we can work toward completion of that bill beginning Monday.

I do expect lengthy sessions next week as we try to complete our work on that bill, which has been pending since May 6.

I also remind Senators that at 3:40 p.m. today we will observe a moment of silence to honor the memory of our two fallen Capitol Police officers, Officers Chestnut and Gibson. Members are encouraged to be in the Chamber for that moment of silence.

### CHILD TAX CREDIT CHECKS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I also wish to mention that tomorrow the U.S. Treasury will start rolling out additional child tax credit checks of up to \$400 to over 25 million taxpayers over the next 3 weeks. Millions of America's working families will be getting a well-deserved break in the form of a tax rebate from our Federal Government. In fact, in Tennessee over 525,000 taxpayers will receive these child tax credit checks.

This tax relief is much deserved, and I am pleased that we are able to begin delivery of those checks. In this body, we passed the Jobs and Growth Tax Act, which is the third largest tax relief package in history, increasing that child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000. We will continue to work on a whole range of issues that will strengthen our economy over time.

Next week, we will be addressing energy reform, and we will continue working on such issues in the coming weeks and months as medical liability reform and a host of other legislative issues that we believe strongly will create jobs, will grow the economy, and will help American families meet their bottom line.

I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

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